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Washington, Nov 14, 2006 - WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT MIKE PENCE:

Talk Show Host Rush Limbaugh

"I love Mike Pence. Let him do his time in the House. Let him get to the leadership there. Let him lead. Let him show his stuff. We're going to need people like Pence in the House of Representatives...Pence is a rising star."

Talk Show Host Laura Ingraham

"We'd look forward to seeing you battle it out with Jack Murtha, Nancy Pelosi, and the rest of the gang up there. We'll pay to see that show."
"If there is a God in heaven, he will be the next House minority leader."

David Keene

"If they decide they want to go back to the principled conservatism of Ronald Reagan, they will elect Mike Pence of Indiana as their new minority leader. Pence has emerged in the last few years as the smartest, most articulate and well-liked conservative House leader."

Vin Weber

Among members there is "A strong sense that we need a new team"

Wall Street Journal Editorial

"...Republicans might also recall what happened to Democrats when they tried to regain the House in 1996 by running with the same leadership and agenda that had been ousted in 1994. Those Democrats failed, despite Bill Clinton's victory at the top of the ticket, because too many voters saw the same old story. If Republicans lose again in 2008, they could be in the minority for a long time.... The good news is that a younger generation does seem to be stepping forward. Mike Pence, of Indiana, has already declared for minority leader...Republican Members will make up their own minds, but their willingness to consider new leadership will say a lot about the lessons they've learned from this week's drubbing..."

Chicago Tribune Editorial

"...or they can refocus on the principles that gave them the congressional majorities they've lost. Potential House leaders such as Indiana's Mike Pence...grasp the first rule of American

conservatism...The GOP can find one upside to losing the House and Senate. It stands to gain a new generation of leaders."

Mary Matalin, Former Counselor to the Vice President, appearing on Hannity and Colmes
"Listen, as you've been saying and Rush has been saying, and you're 1,000 percent right, we didn't lose conservatives, and conservatism didn't lose. Republicans lost because, as Mike Pence rightly says, we lost our way. We lost our way on ethics issues and the way we handled them overwhelmingly, and we lost our way in what are the Reagan basics, what we got to go back to basics, and we have to be reengaged in public policy, not for personal gain, even though a few bad apples came to define the whole party. There's a double standard for us. We are beholden to a higher standard. That's the way we think about ourselves."

Larry Kudlow

"And if Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN) gets the nod as House Republican leader (as he should, and likely will), he will no doubt work... to usher in true spending reform."

Fred Barnes of The Weekly Standard

"Of course Mike Pence is running against Boehner and he, you know, he's very impressive."

The Weekly Standard

"As head of the conservative Republican Study Committee, he's also become the sentinel of GOP budget hawks and government trimmers."

Human Events editorial

"...it was Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana who rallied backbenchers to fight back in defense of conservative principles. That is why Pence should be elected minority leader for the next Congress."

Washington Examiner

"So what now? The first order of business is fresh leadership. Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., has announced for House Minority Leader. Pence is a charismatic Reaganaut who has often led the conservative majority of the GOP in opposition to the Bush administration's Big Government Republicanism on issues like spending and entitlements.

"Pence clearly understands the GOP's problem..."

Indianapolis Star Editorial

"Mike Pence offers Republicans a way back to their conservative roots. His House colleagues should seize on the chance."

Investor's Business Daily

"'After 1994, we were a majority committed to balanced federal budgets, entitlement reform and advancing the principles of limited government,' said Rep. Mike Pence, an Indiana conservative who wants to be the next minority leader. 'In recent years, our majority voted to expand the federal government's role in education, entitlements and pursued spending policies that created record deficits and national debt.'

"That's pretty much dead on."

Philip Klein of The American Spectator

"Perhaps there would be an argument for Boehner maintaining his leadership role if there weren't another viable option. But Mike Pence, who is also running for the minority leader post, has been a dedicated defender of limited government. Despite tremendous pressure from members of his own party -- and even the president -- Pence was one of a few Republicans who voted against both No Child Left Behind and the Medicare prescription drug bill. That's the type of strong conviction that will be required to rebuild the Republican Party on small government principles and to stand up to Speaker Pelosi."